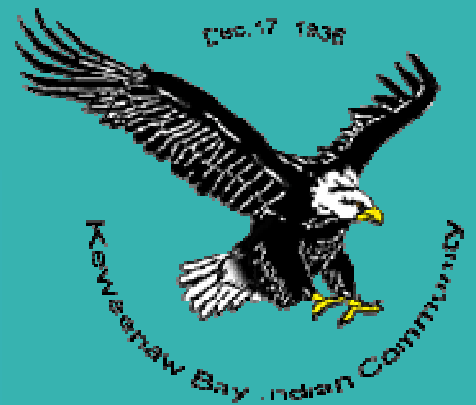




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**All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**  
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## 17th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Traditional Powwow

The Native American Student Association of Northern Michigan University held their annual powwow on Saturday, March 14, 2009. With Keweenaw Bay Indian Community being one of the major sponsors for the annual event, many community members participate and look forward to visiting with family and friends while enjoying the songs and drums.

The event was held in the Vandament Arena on the Northern Michigan University Campus. Four Thunders (Baraga and Watersmeet), host drum, provided the song for grand entries which were at 12:00 noon and 6 p.m. Dwight "Bucko" Teeple did an awesome job as Master of Ceremonies, keeping everyone informed of the arena events.

Donald Chosa (KBIC) served as head veteran dancer. Mike and Michelle Willis (Brimley) served as head dancers. The Arena was well organized by Robert Blackbear, Arena Director, and the fire was tended to by Sam Doyle, event fire keeper.

The community provided an honor song for the family of Lester Drift, who walked on the day after last year's event where he had served as head dancer.

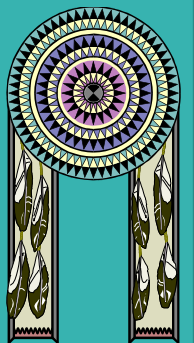
The community congratulated and honored NMU Native American Studies Graduates with a special honor song.

A Traditional Feast was enjoyed by all between grand entries which was held in conjunction with the hand drum competition.



### Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President  
Toni Minton, Secretary  
William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary  
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
Elizabeth D. Mayo  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews  
Jerry Lee Curtis  
Frederick Dakota  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
Isabelle H. Welsh



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- March 7, 2009, Tribal Council meeting
- Blaker Speaks on Indigenous Environmental Perspectives
- Earth Day 2009 : The Green Generation
- Ojibwemowin Language Revitalization
- Ontonagon Timber Theft Heard in Federal Court
- Ojibwa Housing Authority News
- Aabinoojiiyens
- New Employees
- Ojibwemowin
- Deepest Sympathy

More powwow pictures on page twelve.





## March 7, 2009 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on March 7, 2009, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFerner, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's report for February 2009. Swartz attended a VOIGHT Task Force meeting on February 5, 2009. He was informed the topic of 1842 Treaty Rights was held the prior day when he was unable to attend. Swartz stated he was informed by Ann McCammon-Soltis of GLIFWC that no other tribe intends to exercise their off reservation treaty rights on the L'Anse Reservation in our home territory. There is a Mole Lake member who resides in Marquette who may wish to go out and get a few fish to eat. Swartz informed her we could probably take care of it by issuing a visitor's permit.

President Swartz participated in a meeting with Ojibwa Community College President Debbie Parrish and the interim Language Coordinator, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. Ms. Parrish informed them the OCC faculty decided not to pursue language as a college course. If the College decides to offer continuing education units in the future, the Language Coordinator and the College President would work out those details at that time.

President Swartz received approval of the US 41 water agreement from Baraga Village Manager, Roy Kemppainen. Council approved it, and the President signed the agreement.

A meeting with William Carlson, Negaunee Township Supervisor, has been rescheduled for March 19, 2009, since the original meeting date, February 27, 2009, was a snow day for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

President Swartz participated in a conference call with the National Congress of American Indians. They wanted to update Tribal leaders about the economic stimulus package, and the fiscal year 2010 appropriation request.

President Swartz participated in a Criminal Task Force meeting where one of the main topics was the implementation of the Adam Walsh Act. Swartz stated, "We identified that we need a registry system, model code, policy and procedures manuals. We are currently working with one of our attorneys in the Tribal Attorney's Office with developing a Criminal Sexual Offense Code. We are applying for an extension."

President Swartz participated by conference call in a Tribal-State Forum meeting. We discussed the Climate Accord draft which the Governor's office is seeking all Tribes in Michigan to sign. This has been distributed to all Council members to review and will be placed on an agenda for approval at a later date. Tobacco is now considered contraband in the State Prisons. Native Americans who are in the State facilities will need to seek some type of special arrangement to be able to utilize tobacco for ceremonial purposes.

President Swartz participated in a meeting with the United Tribes of Michigan where they discussed the tuition waiver, the upcoming economic stimulus package and the fiscal year 2010 appropriations amongst many other issues. President Swartz indicated he learned academic achievement will be associated with the tuition waiver. United Tribes of Michigan are taking the position that the waiver is not considered financial aid. Executive Director, Matt Wesaw, is setting up a meeting with Lake Superior State University to discuss issues regarding tuition waivers. Swartz stated he

has been informed there is a problem coming up at NMU regarding tuition waivers, and President Swartz indicates that they are on top of it.

President Swartz participated in meetings with the National Congress of American Indians this past week where they discussed concerns in Indian country. At the meetings, a packet was designed of Indian Country's priorities and goal, which were identified to be presented on Capitol Hill. One of NCAI's first-year goals is to designate and confirm the Executive Secretary for Indian Affairs. They also asked for an increase in appropriations for critical services and infrastructure in Indian Country; reauthorization of the Health Care Improvement Act; passing of a Tribal Law and Order Code Act; tribal transportation funding; tribal economical development; legislative fixes; access to capital tax exempt bonds; trust reform and the Adam Walsh Act. According to President Swartz, "We gave them the booklet. We gave them some key points on health care. We gave them background information on the *Indian Health Care Improvement Act*, and why it is necessary we reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. We gave them key points on public safety legislation for Indian Country; key points to consider on tribal transportation priorities, especially roads on reservations (66% of roads systems are unimproved, earth and gravel, and 24% are in deficient conditions); we discussed and gave them key points and backgrounds regarding tribal economic legislation and fiscal year 2010 appropriations. We asked them to increase funding for law enforcement and tribal court by at least 10%, fully fund tribal contract support costs, increase funding for TPAs by 10% and to increase funding for Indian health services by at least 980 million dollars." NCAI will hold a meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on June 11, 2009.

While President Swartz was on Capital Hill, he had the opportunity to meet with a number of Congressmen and legislative leaders. President Swartz went over KBIC's Prioritization List for FY2010, which are as follows: #1 KBIC Early Childhood Education Center, #2 Manufacturing of Wind Turbine Parts, #3 Remediation & Reuse of Mining Waste for Commercial Use, #4 Sand Point Lighthouse Restoration, #5 Village of Baraga Water Intake System Infrastructure, #6 KBIC Silver River Watershed Resource Inventory, #7 Creation of a Bio-Refinery, #8 Electronic Health Record.

Jerry Lee Curtis, Gregg Nominelli, and President Swartz had the opportunity to speak with Congressman Pallone of New Jersey, who is on the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Natural Resources Committee. President Swartz thanked the Congressman for sponsoring the Indian Health Care Improvement Act in the 110th Session and reminded him that the federal government has treaty and trust responsibilities to the tribes. President Swartz spoke with the Congressman on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Health care in Indian Country is a necessity, not a luxury, and that reauthorizing this bill would help address the current needs in Indian health and would authorize Indian Health Services to provide Indian people with the same modernized and technologically advanced health care delivery systems and services that are afforded to all Americans. President Swartz also sought support for the health center's electronic health records that has a total projected cost of \$68,000, which includes salary, computer equipment, infrastructure for installation of the networks and voice writing systems.

Jerry Lee Curtis and President Swartz had the opportunity to hand deliver letters to Congressman Bart Stupak's office, Senators Carl Levin's and Debbie Stabenow's offices regarding the Supreme Court's decision on the Carci-

eri vs. Salazar case. This case has to do with 1934 IRA Trust Lands, and those who haven't been recognized before 1934 who may have a problem putting their land in trust. This is a huge concern in Indian Country because if a tribe was not recognized under the IRA Act of 1934, it should not mean the Tribe could not put land into trust status. We wanted our Congressman and Senators to know that this decision wasn't good for Indian Country. Four tribes in Michigan do not have to worry about this. KBIC is one of them.

Unexpectedly, KBIC had an opportunity to testify for 40 minutes before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee where we were to limit our comments to one of five issues (Indian health care, public safety, justice in Indian Country, tribal transportation and economic development). We chose to talk about economic development in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, as our number one goal for the Community should be to provide jobs to our tribal members. Poverty and unemployment levels are well above State averages in Baraga County, especially amongst Keweenaw Bay Indian Community members and according to the national labor force in 2004, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community had an unemployed work force of about 36%. Of those employed, 23% were under the poverty level on our reservation. Gregg Nominelli, the Tribe's Economic Developer, spoke before the Committee. He briefly discussed our economic development plans that will provide some economic stimuli to not only the Community but also the local units of government, the State of Michigan and the Federal Government. When the Economic Developer submits an Executive Summary, it will be distributed.

President Swartz learned there will be a comment period to give tribes the opportunity to address their cultural concerns regarding the special forest produce use permits. Native Americans will be required to obtain a special forest product permit under the Federal Forest Services for the gathering of Native plants, maple syrup, etc.

Susan LaFerner gave the Vice President's Report. March 2009 is National Women's History Month, and the theme is "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet." We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. There are everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites. Even Brita water filters can be recycled.

In the future, there will be a new employee wellness program. The Health Department, Health Board and Council are very supportive of this new employee benefit opportunity. Meetings have been held for discussion on how to implement the program and an interest group consisting of department heads and employees will meet again on March 13th to further discuss program components. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes to help us live longer, healthier and happier lives. It is hoped the program will be expanded to the Community which is one of our Comprehensive Plan goals.

While Vice President LaFerner attended a Tribal Governance Training Conference last month (February 4-5), at the new Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel in Williamsburg, MI, she especially enjoyed the presentation of *The History of Anishinabek Tribes of Michigan*. It is stressed to record the history of Michigan Tribes for the generations to come, another important Comprehensive Plan goal. Vice President LaFerner has discussed this issue with the College and the Cultural Committee in the past and they will be discussing a plan to accomplish this goal in the near future. Coun-





## Michigan Indian Elders Association Scholarship Program



### MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2009 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available a minimum of four (4) \$500 scholarships and one (1) \$1000 scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded to at least five qualified students with the \$1000 scholarship being awarded to the most qualified student as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS – the student:**

- Must be an enrolled member ( *copy of tribal card* ) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands ( *must be verified in writing by your tribal Enrollment Department* ).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulative grade point average of 3.00.
- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation and the mailing must be **RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR not later than June 22, 2009.** (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

An application form can be obtained from the tribal education department or tribal senior office.

### **Attention Baraga County Veterans:**

There is emergency funding available for Baraga County Veterans. For more information contact Commander Richard Geroux at the American Legion Post 444 in Baraga (353-6235) Or Charlie Sliger at the L'Anse VA Office (524-5454).

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will begin accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year beginning March 1, 2009, through June 15, 2009. Applications will be available at the KBIC Tribal Center, KBIC Health Clinic and KBIC Head Start and & Early Head Start Center.

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BARAGA COUNTY RESIDENTS CALL:

**(906) 231-3330**

L.L. LYNX TRANSPORT IIC P.O. BOX 787 BARAGA, MI 49908

Reduced rate considerations for those needing routine rides to class or work. Call for details.

- WE ALSO PROVIDE VEHICLE LOCKOUT SERVICES DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

BUSINESS HOURS: 10 A.M. — 2 A.M. Mon.-Sat., 3 P.M. — 12 A.M. Sun.



### **WELCUP'S PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

**FOR AREA WORKSITES AND RESIDENTS** (A worksite and community physical activity incentive program for ALL individuals. All WELCUP Members and Non-Members are welcome to participate!)

**Get ready, set, and go!** Starting March 29, 2009, WELCUP (Wellness Council of the Upper Peninsula) will be kicking Off it's Eight Annual Get Moving U.P. worksite and community physical activity incentive program. Over an eight-week period, participants will learn how to incorporate more moderate and/or vigorous activity into their daily routine. Participants will record their daily minutes of physical activity at [www.fitup.org](http://www.fitup.org). Worksites and community members are encouraged to form teams of four employees each who log their minutes of activity on the website.

**Grand Prizes** — Individual Grand Prize: Mountain Bike or Other; Team Grand Prize: "Get Moving U.P. fleece jackets/ vests (six teams will be drawn). In addition, they will be giving out cold hard cash after the first four weeks. You could be a lucky winner of \$150. All individuals who succeed in exercising at least 150 minutes a week will be eligible for all prize drawings!

**For more information** about KBIC Fit UP registration contact Heather at 353-4546. To learn more about WELCUP please contact Kelly Rumpf at [rumpf@hline.org](mailto:rumpf@hline.org), (906) 779-7234.



*The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum in partnership with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community*



This certificate entitles you to a **FREE ONE YEAR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum—**KBIC MEMBERS ONLY.**

- ☉ Bring this certificate to the Museum during your next visit.
- ☉ Our staff will have you fill out a simple form to activate the membership.
- ☉ We will then mail you a membership card to be used for one FULL year of free visitation to the Museum.

### **WE LOVE OUR FAMILY OF MEMBERS!!!**

Questions? Visit the web [www.upcmkids.org](http://www.upcmkids.org) or call Nheena at (906) 226-3911.

The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, 123 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, Michigan 49855.

### **BIA Scholarship Deadline**

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year is May 1, 2009.

Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, residents of Michigan attending a 2 or 4 yr. accredited Michigan college in pursuit of a 2 or 4 yr. degree and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga MI 49908.

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-4117 or [amy@KBIC-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@KBIC-nsn.gov).

### **YOUTH EVENTS UPDATE**

New activities began in March at the Youth Center:

**Weightlifting**—Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. (if a ride is needed, call 353-4644 or 353-4543). Open to all ages with parental approval.

**Native night**—Friday evenings 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Kids come in and learn to dance, drum, etc.) Open to all ages. Volunteers are needed.

**K-6 activity time**—Saturday 11am-2pm (The gym will be open for kids to let loose and play with all the gym toys).

For more youth activities see [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on youth club, or contact 353-4643, Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

### **FOR SALE:**

Home with three bedrooms, two baths, open concept, free standing wood burning stove, covered porches, includes appliances and window treatments. Located on leased land at 16061 Mission Road, Baraga, MI. \$88,000.

**For more information  
call 353-7245.**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE**

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

**Call Tina Durant @  
(906) 353-2626 at  
the Anishinaabe Anokii  
Center.**



*She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.*

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at [newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov) or call 906-201-0263.



To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.





Our Deepest Sympathy

Leona L. Bolo

October 11, 1940— February 21, 2009

Leona L. Bolo, 68, of Baraga, passed away Saturday evening February 21, 2009, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. She was born in Baraga on October 11, 1940, the daughter of the late Leo and Bertha (Nedeau) Durant. Leona attended school in Baraga. On April 3, 1958, she married George Bolo in Ontonagon. Leona was a restaurant cook in the Ontonagon area. She was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI., the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. She enjoyed going to the casino, watching her grandchildren playing in sporting events, cooking, baking, flower gardening and spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Mrs. Bolo is survived by her loving husband, George, son, George Jr. (Connie) Bolo of Baraga, daughters, Diane (Jay) Gougeon of Baraga, and Lynelle (Curtis) Sutherland of Baraga, grandchildren, Willie, Averey, Mitch, Ben, Zack, Brad, Ariel, Rachel, and Josh, great grandchildren, Faye, Matthew, and Jonny, brothers, Leo and Melvin Durant both of Baraga, and sisters, Vi Banuchie of Ontonagon, Julia (Bill) Cardinal of Baraga, and Catherine Sanquist of Baraga. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dominic, and her sister, Martha.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins with Father George Maki, celebrant. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.

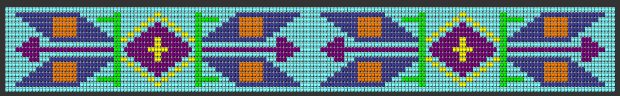
Bruce Wayne Dowd

March 27, 1951 - March 12, 2009

Bruce “Migizi Inini” Wayne Dowd, 57, of Minneapolis, MN, walked on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. He was born March 27, 1951, in L’Anse, MI, the son of Francis and Sarah (Loonsfoot) Dowd. Bruce graduated from Baraga High School in 1969. He moved to Minneapolis and worked for SK Tools for several years. Bruce was a Marathon runner and a Harley Davidson Motorcycle enthusiast.

Mr. Dowd is survived by his wife Mavis Taken-care-of, children, John Dowd of Minneapolis, Bruce Dowd of St. Paul, Eileen Taken-care-of Dowd of Grand Forks, MN; brothers, John “Sunny Man” of Colorado Springs, CO, Joe (Kelly) of L’Anse, Tom (Rose) of Escanaba, Donny (Renee) of Baraga, Larry of Zeba, Alan (Barb) of New Post, WI; sisters, Doris (Ray) Roberts of Baraga, Mary Boo (Bob) Saunders of Sault Ste Marie, and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eddie Dowd, and sister, Pat Maki.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 16, 2009, at the Ojibwa Senior Center, Traditional Ceremonial Room with Bucko Teeple officiating. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L’Anse assisted the family.



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Paul “Bill” Dowd

July 23, 1972 - March 18, 2009

Paul “Bill” Dowd, 36, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on March 18, 2009, in Detroit after enjoying a Red Wing hockey game there the previous evening.

Bill was born on July 23, 1972, in L’Anse, Michigan. His father is Gene (Cheri) McKechnie, and his mother is Mary Boo (Bob) Saunders, all of Sault Ste. Marie. Bill grew up around the Sault. After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy and was a veteran of the Gulf War.

More than anything, Bill loved spending time with his wife, children, large family and many friends. Bill volunteered and participated in many activities with his children and in the community. He owned and operated Extreme Excavating. The company byline “We do it in the dirt”, was what he lived by and enjoyed. Other interests were: snowmobiling, downhill skiing and a good card game.

Bill is survived by his wife, Nikki, his son, Sawyer, and his daughter, Adeleigh, all at home. Other survivors include four sisters: Robin Morley, Daisy, Danielle and Destiny McKechnie. Uncles: Joe (Kelly) Dowd, Donny (Renee) Dowd, Tommy (Rose) Dowd, Larry Dowd, Bowdie (Barb) Dowd, Bob (Shauna) McKechnie, Ron (Loretta) McKechnie, Isaac McKechnie, Charlie (Kim Roy) McKechnie. Aunts; Doris (Ray) Roberts, Marlene (Rick) Janetos, Sally (Jim) McKechnie and Laura (Clark King) McKechnie. Also included are in-laws, Donna and Terry Paquette, Mike and Patty Gervasio, numerous cousins, four nephews and special friends: Henry Gonyeau and Landon and Tammy Nolan, brothers and sisters-in-laws: Chad (Christy) Paquette, Shawn (Amy) Paquette, Terry Paquette II and Dan (Julia) Gervasio. Preceding Bill in death are his very special grandparents, Isaac “Ike” and Annie McKechnie.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 22, 2009, at Faith Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. The family was assisted by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

Michigan Indian Elders Association  
Tri-Annual Meeting  
Ziigwan - April 27-29, 2009

Hosted by the Ojibwa Senior Citizens

Sponsored by the  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community,  
Baraga, Michigan

Agenda

Monday, April 27

Site: Ojibwa Community College

1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration  
5:00 p.m.

Delegates - meeting and dinner  
Others - Dinner on your own

Tuesday, April 28

Site: Ojibwa Community College

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration  
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Drum and Color Guard  
Opening Prayer  
Welcoming Addresses-  
KBIC President, Chris Swartz  
Ojibwa Sr. President, Sandi Pittsley



FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
PROGRAM ON  
INDIAN RESERVATIONS  
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS  
FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED  
STATES AND ALASKA  
(Effective October 1, 2008)

	48 Contiguous United States	Alaska
Household Size	Income Limits	Income Limits
1	\$1,011	\$1,330
2	\$1,311	\$1,705
3	\$1,611	\$2,080
4	\$1,914	\$2,455
5	\$2,239	\$2,830
6	\$2,564	\$3,205
7	\$2,864	\$3,580
8	\$3,164	\$3,955
Each addi- tional mem- ber	+ \$300	+ \$375

The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

\* Can not be on food stamps.



9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MIEA General Meeting

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – Noon

Brent Johnson, DDS, KBIC Health Dept

Noon—Lunch (music during lunch)

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

James A. Surrell, M.D., Marquette General Hospital, Healthy Life Style Choices

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MIEA Auction,

Auctioneer Ron Spruce

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Open)

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. - ? ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, April 29

Site: Ojibwa Community College

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Mary Macqueen, MSA

Michigan Department of Community Health  
Office of Public Health Preparedness

11:30 a.m.

Travel Prayer,  
Song, Drum  
Retire the Colors



## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department

It's that time for....Spring Cleaning!!!

### Did you know??

- The EPA says indoor air pollution is usually 2-5 times worse than outdoor air pollution, and harsh cleaning chemicals contribute.
- Conventional cleaning products are responsible for about 10% of toxic-exposure calls to poison control.
- In the United States, 25,000-plus kids "are exposed to" (that's EPA code for "have accidents involving") chlorine bleach each year.
- The International Agency for Research on Cancer says per-chloroethylene ("perc"), a common carpet cleaning chemical, is a "probable human carcinogen" that can cause anything from dizziness to death.
- High concentrations of detergents were found in 69% of waterways in a 2002 nationwide study.
- If every U.S. household replaces one box of 48-oz, petroleum-based powder laundry detergent with a vegetable-based one, we'll save enough oil to heat and cool 5,300 homes for a year.  
(from <http://www.idealbite.com>)

Remember these home-healthy and earth-friendly tips when spring cleaning:

- Keep products in their original containers and store them safely away from children and pets
- Dispose of household products safely
- Never pour harmful products down a sink, toilet, bathtub drain or on the ground
- Use non-toxic, alternative products when available:
  - Non-chlorine bleach
  - Plant-based detergents
  - Homemade cleaners (these recipes work great and are more economical, too!)

**All Purpose**  
1 tsp washing soda  
4 Tbsp vinegar (5% white)  
4 cups hot water  
5 drops essential oil (optional)

**Disinfectant**  
Straight vinegar  
4-5 drops essential oil (optional)

**Wood Cleaner**  
¼ cup vinegar  
¼ cup water  
½ tsp. liquid (castile) soap  
5 drops olive oil

**Window-Mirror Cleaner**  
½ cup vinegar (5% white)  
1 quart water

**Deodorizer/Carpet Freshener**  
Baking soda  
16-20 drops essential oil (let sit overnight in covered container)

**Microwave Cleaner (paste)**  
¼ cup baking soda  
1 tsp. vinegar  
6 drops lemon essential oil  
~ rinse & leave door open to dry for 15 min.

**Soft Scrub (paste)**  
½ cup baking soda  
Liquid (castile) soap/detergent  
5 drops essential oil

**Floor Cleaner**  
½ cup vinegar  
1 gallon water  
10 drops lemon essential oil  
4 drops oregano oil

**Air Freshener (spray)**  
10-20 drops essential oil  
spring water



Please Join Us to Celebrate  
Earth Day!!

KBIC Natural Resources Department  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Environmental Fair

**What:** To provide environmental educational material and hands on learning for Community members to celebrate Earth Day!

**When:** Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
An official screening of the National Wildlife Federation documentary "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance," will be held at 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Ojibwa Community College gym, located on Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI.

The event is free of charge and door prizes will be given throughout the evening!!

### EARTH DAY 2009 : THE GREEN GENERATION

Earth Day 2009, April 22, will mark the beginning of the **Green Generation Campaign!** This two-year initiative will culminate with the 40th anniversary of Earth Day in 2010. With negotiations for a new global climate agreement coming up in December, Earth Day 2009 must be a day of action and civic participation to defend the Green Generation's core principles:



A carbon-free future based on **renewable energy** that will end our common dependency on fossil fuels including coal.



An individual's commitment to responsible, sustainable consumption.



Creation of a new green economy that lifts people out of poverty by creating millions of quality **green jobs** and transforms the global education system into a green one.



Find all of the cans, bottles, and newspapers within the recycling center.  
(HINT: there are four cans, five bottles and seven newspapers. Also, try to find the old phone book.)

### BLAKER SPEAKS ON INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENT PERSPECTIVES



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A diverse organization of students dedicated to environmental sustainability (SfES), Students for Environmental Sustainability at Michigan Tech, hosts annual Earth Week events each year. This year's 2009 Earth Week events included:  
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Tuesday, March 17th: Reusing old glass jars by turning them into different crafts; Wall-E on Wednesday, March 18th: Campus-wide showing of the film followed by a short discussion; Traditional En-

vironmental Knowledge on Thursday, March 19th: Native American speakers from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on Indigenous Environmental perspectives.

SfES at Michigan Tech hosted KBIC Tribal member Doreen Blaker for a recent Earth Week event featuring Traditional Environmental Knowledge on Thursday, March 19th. Doreen is an alumni of Michigan Tech with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences. Doreen shared her knowledge and wisdom on Native American values of love and respect for the land. She spoke on the importance of looking seven generations ahead to ensure future generations will inherit a clean environment. She also addressed the current mining threats near the KBIC Tribal community and the importance of preserving the natural resources, medicines, berries, and ceremonial sites of this area for future generations.

SfES greatly appreciates Doreen's willingness to share this precious knowledge to a diverse crowd interested in understanding Native American perspectives on the environment. Michigan Tech's American Indian Science & Engineering Society also helped to coordinate this event and hosted a welcome dinner for Doreen prior to the speech.



# New Employees



**Ojibwemowin Language Coordinator—Gary Loonsfoot Jr.**

“Boozhoo. My name is Gary Loonsfoot Jr. I am the son of Gary Loonsfoot Sr., and Gail Swartz- Koski. I was born and raised here in Baraga. I graduated from Baraga High School in 1995. Shortly after, I enrolled in classes for Criminal Justice/Corrections through Gogebic Community College. Recently, I’ve attended college at Bay Mills Community College and Ojibwa Community College. I have been an active member of both the Youth Committee and the Natural Resource Committee for several years now. I also served one year as the representative to the Inter-Tribal Council Policy Board for the Head Start/Early Head Start programs.

I have been selected as the Coordinator for the Ojibwemowin Language Program here at KBIC. I consider it both an honor and a privilege to be given the opportunity to serve my community in this capacity. I will do my best to ensure that all parties involved in the language program are treated equally and fairly. I am looking forward to working with anyone and everyone interested in our original language. I believe our language is the heart of our culture. If we lose our language, we lose our true identity. Migwetch.”



**Public Health Nurse Secretary—Kim Klopstein.**

Kim Klopstein, KBIC member, has been selected as the Public Health Nurse Secretary at the Donald A. LaPointe Medical Facility. Kim is the daughter of Agnes Hueckstaedt (Totsie).

Kim currently resides in Baraga with her husband, Jeff, and two children, Jeffrey and Jennifer. In her spare time Kim enjoys hunting, fishing, racing, and spending time with family and friends. Kim indicates, “I am honored for the opportunity to work with the staff and the Community as the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary.”



poker.

Dale states, “I’m thankful and humbled to have been chosen as the KBIC Natural Resources Compliance Specialist. I’m committed to making the most of all of the opportunities I’ve been blessed with by my tribe.”

**Medical Clinic LPN—Sharon Tammelin.**

Sharon has been an LPN for over 35 years. She was hired in January for an on-call/fill-in basis, and was subsequently selected for the full-time LPN position in February. Sharon retired from BCMH after 27½ years of service where she worked in many different aspects within the hospital. Sharon is the mother of two sons, Jason (Jeri) and Jeremy (Carrie), and has four grandchildren, Samantha, Whitney, Landen and Breanne, and her father is Reino Lahti.

Sharon lives in Herman and enjoys sewing, crafts, camping, country music and cribbage. Sharon states, “I very much enjoy working at the Tribal Health Clinic.”

**KBIC Natural Resources Compliance Specialist – Dale Shalifoe.**

Dale Shalifoe has been hired as the KBIC Natural Resources Compliance Specialist. Dale is a 1990 L’Anse High School graduate, a NMU graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics, and plans to continue his education pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Finance.

Dale Shalifoe serves KBIC as a Gaming Commissioner and has recently been appointed as an Apprentice to the Language Program with Earl Otchingwanigan.

Dale grew up in Zeba. His hobbies include playing around with the electric guitar, reading sci-fi/fantasy novels, chess, Magic the Gathering, and

**Ojibwemowin Language Revitalization**

The Ojibwemowin Language Program will be offering the teachings of Earl Otchingwanigan through his apprentices. They will be sharing their teachings with all who are interested. Our original language is vital to our cultural identity. For all those interested in these teachings, please sign up. For information regarding the dates and times of these teachings, feel free to contact Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. at the number provided.

Ojibwa Senior Citizens	Dale Shalifoe
Thursdays @ 3:30pm.	
KBIC Youth Center	Liz Julio
TBA (after March 14th)	
Zeba Annex	Joe Dowd
Tuesdays @ 6:00pm.	
OCC	JoAnne Racette
TBA (summer semester)	
KBIC Daycare	Lisa Denomie
Daily @ 10:00am.	
ITC EHS/HS	Terri Denomie
Fridays @ 2:00pm	

**Anishinaabemotaw  
“To speak Ojibwa”**

**Sign up for Language Teachings**



Ojibwemowin Language Revitalization

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community,  
16429 Bear Town Road  
Baraga, MI 49908

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.,  
Language Coordinator

Telephone: (906) 353-6623  
Extension 4178  
Fax: 353-7540

**Come join the teachings of our reservation’s last fluent speaker**

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities**



For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com).

**Public Health Nurse/Case Manager, open until filled**

**Clinical Psychologist, open until filled**



**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908  
In Tribal Court Building

Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132  
• Email: [ocss@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:ocss@kbic-nsn.gov)

**“Your Children...Our Priority”**

We provide the following services:

- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Paternity Establishment
- Community Education

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**On Call positions:**

- \* LPN
- \* RN
- \* Unit Manager
- \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- \* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- \* Youth Program & Facility Attendant

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>



# AABINOOJIIYENS



Meet Anastazia Lee Sandman-Shelifoe, born 02/23/09, to Wausaumoutouikwe Josephine Sandman-Shelifoe. Anastazia weighed 10 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 19 inches long at birth.



Meet Kydan Liam Dean, born 02/26/09, to Danika Strong and Kyle Dean. Kydan weighed 8lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 inches long at birth. Kydan's Indian name is Anaquat.



Meet Dayonna Picard, born 02/18/09, to Dana Picard and Bani Wandahsega. Dayonna weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches at birth.



Meet Evan John LaFerner, born 02/23/09, to Shanda Frank and John LaFerner. Evan weighed 4 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 17 inches at birth.



Twin brother! Meet Brody Seppanen, born 02/23/09, to Amber Johnson and Travis Seppanen. Brody weighed 5 lbs. 1 oz. and was 17 inches long at birth.



Twin brother! Meet Gage Seppanen, born 02/23/09, to Amber Johnson and Travis Seppanen. Gage was 5 lbs, 9 ozs. and 18 ¼ inches at birth.

## Private Mark Smith Graduates from Basic Training

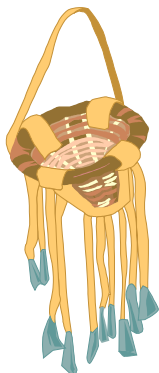
Tribal member, Mark Anthony Smith, graduated from United States Army Basic Training on December 17, 2008. He was part of Bravo Company 2nd Battalion 54th Infantry Regiment located in Fort Benning, Georgia. He also graduated from Airborne School on February 20, 2009, of Fort Benning, Georgia. Mark is currently stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He is classified as a Private E2. He is the son of Sarah Smith of Baraga and Joseph Russo of Sault Ste. Marie and grandson of Judith Smith of L'Anse.



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## TRIBAL MEMBERS ACHIEVE DISTRICT SPELLING BEE AWARDS

### KBIC TRIBAL MEMBER, RASANEN, EARNS ALL-CONFERENCE STATUS

Rebecca Rasanen, daughter of Carl and Julie Rasanen, was named All-Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> team. Rasanen, a Junior, played for the Baraga Lady Vikings. During the 08/09 season, she led her team in scoring, averaging 10.5 points per game. She also had 174 rebounds, 49 steals, 45 assists, and 33 blocks. She played only 18 of the 20 games, due to an ankle injury during the 18<sup>th</sup> game of the season.



Rebecca looks forward to the 09/10 season with the Lady Vikings, her Senior year.

Students begin the spelling bee competition within their own grade and school. The winners then participate in the district (L'Anse/Baraga) spelling bee which was held in the Baraga School this year. Winners of the districts then participate in the regional spelling bee which was held at Jeffers School District. The winner and runner-up from the regional spelling bee then move on to participate in the U.P. tournament.



Annaleese Rasanen, daughter of Carl and Julie Rasanen, won the 5th grade district spelling bee title held in Baraga between L'Anse and Baraga Area Schools on January 27, 2009.

Pictured below is Logan Roe, son of Robin Roe of Baraga and Butch Roe of El Paso, TX, as he participated in the regional spelling bee held in Jeffers on February 19th. Logan won the 8th grade district spelling bee held at the Baraga Schools, January 27th, where he received a medal and a trophy.





cil will be reviewing the Comprehensive Plan documentation within the next few weeks for accomplishments, revisions and additions, and it will then be presented to department heads and the Community for input.

We have as of yet not been informed of the decision from the administrative hearing officer in our contested case hearing regarding the mining permits for the Yellow Dog Plains. Vice President LaFernier reported that a decision has been made by Judge Paula Manderfield regarding the MI DNR granting a land use permit for 120 acres of State land to Kennecott for the construction of surface facilities for the underground mine. Unfortunately, she ruled to uphold the Michigan DNR's decision to lease the land for a nickel and copper mine, dismiss the lawsuit and stated the DNR had not broken any laws and had acted within its authority by leasing the property to Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company.

Rio Tinto made an announcement in February regarding its year end earnings report on their operations and interests globally — "The previously announced iron ore expansion at Iron Ore Company of Canada (\$768 million for phases one and two) and the development of the Eagle Nickel mine in Michigan, U.S. have been deferred until market conditions recover." Jon Cherry, Eagle Project General Manager, stated they are continuing to work on the permits, litigation, engineering design and preliminary work, so when the opportunity presents itself, they will be posed to evaluate economic conditions and their next steps. Vice President LaFernier urges us to continue to write or call your elected officials and tell them the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on health, rivers, Great Lakes, and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage.

A team of eight employees from Tribal Court, Tribal Police, New Day, including the grant writer, the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Vice President LaFernier attended a five-day comprehensive Drug Court Planning Initiative Training Program in Albuquerque, NM, on February 23-27. The program was developed and presented by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the U.S. Department of Justice in collaboration with the National Drug Court Institute. This training was made available through scholarship dollars. The team learned how to develop a plan and framework for our Drug Court and received the knowledge and tools needed to start/develop a drug court policy and procedure manual. More information will be presented by the Tribal Court in the future.

Larry Denomie gave the CEO report for February. After attending several meetings with Casino management, plans are being developed and implemented to improve customer service throughout the enterprises. Denomie shared an exercise which was learned while he attended the MSU Self Governance Training with the managers. The exercise brings to surface each of the manager's personalities and how important it is to understand that it plays a key role in building team work. Denomie indicated he would be working closely with the enterprises to ensure we manage to the best of our abilities during these difficult economic times.

On February 12th, a problem with the Tribal Center's fire alarm occurred where the alarm tripped itself and alarmed the system to send automatic contacts to emergency services. The Baraga Fire Department responded from the system which is good to know the system does work properly. The problem that caused the false alarm has been corrected.

Mr. Ward from the Houghton area has been chosen as the new Hotel Manager to oversee our two hotels. Sharon Kirchhofer had been serving as interim manager since the former manager's departure and has been thanked for stepping up into the role when needed.

The Language Revitalization Plan continues to move forward as Interim Coordinator

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. is working closely with Earl Otchingwanigan and the apprentices. Earl presents instruction during the two-and-a-half hour class on Thursdays. Apprentices develop their own curriculum which is shared through gatherings at selected sites which have been assigned to them. Each apprentice has an elder mentor to aid them in their effort to share what they have learned with the Community. The excitement level of those involved in the program is very high. A permanent coordinator will be chosen in mid-March as interviews are scheduled for March 12 with Council.

On February 17th, the Tribe's Natural Resources Department received a black eye due to break down in communication within the department. A letter to the editor in the February 25th edition of the L'Anse Sentinel indicated deer heads from a Chronic Wasting Disease data collection screening were mistakenly dropped off in a location where they should not have been. Immediately upon receiving notice of the error, the department picked up the deer heads and disposed of them properly. A press release will be issued on Monday, and a letter will be issued to UP-PCO apologizing for the misfortunate mishap. The department has dealt with the issue internally, and the problem has been corrected to ensure this will never happen again. Jennifer Misegan has contacted Mr. Selkey (author of the letter to the editor) and apologized for the incident. We are hopeful the Community does not allow this unfortunate and regrettable incident to shed any bad light on all of the great things the Tribe's Natural Resources Department does to protect the environment we all live in.

Health Director Carole LaPointe will be presenting a contract for a company who will be providing the Tribe's Health Department with the ability to issue a card to members to use for getting their prescriptions filled. Members who receive vouchers currently will be issued a card to use at a pharmacy of their choice when filling prescriptions. The card system will be utilized for the remainder of this fiscal year until the expansion project and pharmacy housed within the health center are completed.

A concept to aid in building resources for a children's library for the Pre-primary program is being devised. Volunteers from the community would purchase a children's book, volunteer to read it to the children of the program and then leave it for the library which will result in a library of books for our children in years to come.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for February. During the month of February 2009, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on February 7, 2009, and is reported in the March 2009 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on February 6, 2009: approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Ojibwa Community College; approved a cash match of \$45,000 for the Ojibwa Community College's USDA Learning Grant; approved Resolution KB1650-2009—FY 2009 Forest Management Deduction (10%) Account Expenditure Plan; approved the business license and liquor license of Jeff Lamson doing business as Cue Master; approved the license application for taxed tobacco products; approved the Waterline Extension Water Purchase Management Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the Village of Baraga; agreed to remove the slots from the Pines based on financial review; approved the Language Coordinator job description; approved a budget modification for the Natural Resources Department for their new position of Operations and Compliance Specialist; and approved the budget modification for the Donald LaPointe Health and Education Facility renovation. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on February 17, 2009: approved meeting minutes of

March 4, 2006, November 8, 2008, and November 12, 2008; held two grievance hearings; and upheld the CEO's decision in Grievance #001-09 and in Grievance #002-09. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on February 19, 2009: approved meeting minutes of November 13, 2008, and November 14, 2008; approved the bid of Strategic Solutions for a feasibility study; agreed to allow the Baraga Fire Department to use the field behind the Casino to hold a mud drag racing fundraiser; approved a letter of support for the Mackinac Bands of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians; agreed to move forward with a workplace wellness program; approved a \$1000 matching request for the library grant; approved \$400 in additional emergency funds for Dan Connor; approved the contract with O'Dovero Properties for short term use of the Negaunee Airport Property; approved the Pharmacist Services Agreement with James Vollmar; approved the substitute Independent Contractor Agreement with Millennium Services; changed the title of the position Executive Assistant to Assistant CEO; approved \$580 for Louella Wood's septic system repair; approved \$150 for Jeff Mayo for travel to an interview pending denials from TERO and the Block Grant; and approved \$100 for Joann Jaukkuri for court travel that will be reimbursed.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2009. Council met and reviewed ten donation requests for the month of February; approving \$1537 for NMU Center for Native American Studies (matching funds to hold an Indigenous Language Revitalization Workshop), \$100 for BHK Headstart Program (classroom and project supplies), \$1000 for Senator Debbie Stabenow (re-election campaign), \$500 for Baraga BASH 2009, \$500 for L'Anse Senior Lock-In 2009, and \$250 for Superior Americorps (alcohol awareness activities for area students).

Treasurer Misegan attended a workshop on February 12, 2009, with Attorney Christoph Geiger, regarding the development and implementation of a Uniform Commercial Code and a Tribal Secured Transaction Code. A need for a Secured Transaction Code has come up in the drafting of the Titling Code. The adoption of these laws will build our legal infrastructure, allowing for increased opportunities for Tribal members and the Tribe to obtain credit from outside lenders, businesses and other Tribes. The one day workshop barely scratched the surface of either law as they are very complex, but Misegan gained contact information of individuals who have worked with both in a Tribal setting.

The Retirement Committee met twice in February. Committee stipends were discussed and whether or not the retirement plans would treat that income as wages. Because of the options in both the Defined Benefit Plan and the 401K, the Committee determined it would be in the best interest of all Committee members to be paid utilizing the previous method. The stipends had been previously changed to alleviate the burden of the Committee members at tax time but did not consider the challenges it would bring to retired Committee members. The stipend was increased on January 1, 2009, to help cover any expense to Committee members.

On March 2-3, 2009, the Finance meeting was held with Francis LaPointe, CFO; Larry Denomie, CEO; John Mantila, Baraga Casino General Manager; David Haataja, Marquette Casino General Manager; Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO; and Dawn Richards, Government Controller. Mr. LaPointe prepared an overview of the Baraga properties and the Marquette Casino which contained the year to date information of where they stand compared to their budgets as well as last year. Due to the state of the current economy, he advised the Council on several issues of concerns. The CEO has been working closely with John Mantila (Baraga Casino) and will be doing the same

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KBIC TRIBAL HEALTH INITIATES  
PRESCRIPTION CARD PROGRAM



On March 1, 2009, the KBIC Dept. of Health and Human Services implemented a prescription benefit card (PBC) program for uninsured patients. The cards take the place of vouchers for receiving pharmaceuticals prescribed by the KBIC physicians. The cards are issued by 4D Pharmacy Management company and will be used by the uninsured until our in-house pharmacy is established.

“We are not exempt from the rising prescription drug costs that are affecting the whole nation,” stated Carole LaPointe, Health Administrator, “and the new relationship with Upper Peninsula Health Plan (UPHP) and 4D Pharmacy Management will assist us in cutting these costs significantly.”

Plans to use the cards began last October, after looking at the amount spent on pharmaceuticals for the uninsured. “We spent close to \$600,000 on pharmaceuticals last fiscal year, and we just had to start looking at ways to decrease these costs, to save contract health dollars,” stated LaPointe.

According to Elvera Lantz, CHS Clerk, (shown above with KBIC member/patient, Robert Ellsworth), the card will only cover prescriptions prescribed by one of KBIC’s four physicians (Dr. Zobro, Dr. Oh, Dr. Schultz, and Dr. Johnson). If the patient is seen elsewhere, they must contact the KBIC Medical Clinic for further directions on how to obtain the pharmaceutical they were prescribed elsewhere.

Patients may be getting generic replacement for their drugs. If they have any questions, they can come to see the pharmacist or administration. Cards are activated within a week of receiving proper information.



Wanted:

Pictures from the original KBIC Medical Center, which was located within the Tribal Center building in Assinins, Michigan. Both inside and outside photos are desired. Photos will be restored and displayed at the newly expanded KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Facility, 102 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908. Contact Carole LaPointe at (906) 353-4553, or e-mail clapo@kbic-nsn.gov.

OJIBWEMOWIN

Iskigamizige Giizis — Maple Sugar Making Moon — April

Word list

- niinamad
- miigwechiwendam
- goshkokaa
- ondamendam
- giishkaabaagwe
- ayekozi
- mamiidaawendam
- aabadad
- goopadizi
- zhoobizi

The language page was designed from reference of “A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe” by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.

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| weak — _ i i n _ _ _ d             | thankful — m _ _ g w e c h i _ _ _ _ a m |
| worried — o _ _ a m _ _ d a _      | thirsty — g _ i s _ k a a _ a _ g _ _    |
| worthless — g o _ _ a d i _ i      | tired — a y _ _ _ _ i                    |

Across

- 1. thirsty
- 2. tempted
- 3. useful
- 4. weak
- 5. thankful
- 6. surprised

Down

- 1. worthless
- 2. tired
- 3. troubled
- 4. worried

# Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Traditional Arts Expo



**Pines Convenience Center**  
**15841 US 41 North**  
**Baraga**  
**May 2-3, 2009**  
**June 6-7, 2009**  
**11:00 am-6:00 pm**

## Featuring Traditional Arts & Performances by Local Native American Artists

Sponsored by:  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Tribal Council  
Cultural Committee  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
Anishinaabe Anokii



Supported by funding from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

Vendors

**For More Information or to Register Contact:**  
**Cultural Center: 906-353-7020**  
**THPO: 906-353-6272**





# Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families and provide employment opportunities.

## Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
  5. Credit repair for homeownership;
  6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals - five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee-providing profits for housing programs.

## Ojibwa Housing Authority Financial Session

The Ojibwa Housing Authority will hold a two part Financial Session on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 5p.m. to 8p.m. at the Ojibwa Housing Authority conference room. The session will cover areas such as tracking spending, budgeting and reviewing credit reports. This session is mandatory for anyone entering the Individual Development Account (IDA) savings program. Those interested in signing up are asked to call Natalie Mleko or Christine LaPointe at 353-7117.

## ONTONAGON TIMBER THEFT HEARD IN FEDERAL COURT



**PRESS RELEASE --** The Federal case against KBIC member Robert Charles Genschow, "Chief Lonewolf", was heard in Federal Court on Monday, March 23, 2009, and Tuesday, March 24, 2009. The Federal case alleged Genschow illegally cut trees involving a theft of several thousand dollars of timber on Keweenaw Bay Indian Community land in Ontonagon County.

Genschow claimed he had the right to take the trees, because they were on property held in trust for the Ontonagon Band of the Chippewa Indians, of which he was a Chief of that tribe. He claims the KBIC had no jurisdiction.

The federal government claims the Ontonagon Band of Chippewa's merged with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ontonagon Band no longer exists under treaties from the early 1900's. Robert Charles Genschow was found guilty in the Federal Court of illegally cutting trees on the Ontonagon Reservation. Genschow remains free on bond as he awaits sentencing scheduled for July 7, 2009.

## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR SECOND ANNUAL "DREAM CATCHER" AWARD

April, 2009 – As part of the national Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country, (April 19-25, 2009), KBIC Even Start is spotlighting the people who make a positive difference in the lives of young children in our community. This program acknowledges the valuable contributions made by individuals who locally serve children in the areas of early childhood education, social services, parenting and mentoring.

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. This year's national theme is: *Bring Communities Together for Children – Children Bring Communities Together.*

As a Family Literacy Program, KBIC Even Start recognizes the importance of strengthening the community through literacy, one family at a time. With a Native American dream catcher as its logo, KBIC Even Start spins four strands of educational support to shape its program with the family at its center. KBIC Even Start places emphasis on meeting family

education goals through four core components: adult education, early childhood education, parenting and interactive literacy activities. The program works in collaboration with many other community programs and services to meet these goals, appreciating the dedication of parents, teachers and partners. Through a strong web of support, otherwise-disadvantaged children in our community are able to learn and grow through the inspiration and talents of caring adults.

"At KBIC Even Start, we believe that all young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for success in school," states program coordinator, Gail Juntunen. "The Week of the Young Child is a time to publicly recognize the importance of early learning for all young children and also applaud the many people who help to make that possible."

The second annual "Dream Catcher" award will be announced during April's Week of the Young Child. This award is KBIC Even Start's tribute to the caring men and women who, in many different ways, contribute to the education and welfare of young children ages 0-8, providing them and their families with the ability to "Dare to Dream."

The public is encouraged to help KBIC Even Start honor a Baraga County adult who is an

outstanding model of parenting, teaching, or community service for the young children of our community.

Nominations for this year's Dream Catcher Award can be submitted to the KBIC Even Start office at 353-8161, Fax 353-8169 or by e-mail at [gjuntunen@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:gjuntunen@kbic-nsn.gov). Please submit your name, the name of your choice, phone number, and reason why this person deserves to be recognized. Deadline for nominations is noon, Friday, April 17th.



**Effective April 1, 2009 — The Donald A. LaPointe Medical Facility campus will be "smoke free." We ask that patrons extinguish tobacco products prior to entering the property.**



with David Haataja (Marquette Casino). Mr. LaPointe reviewed our Trust and Investment accounts and because we are not heavily invested in equities (or stocks) our investments have held up well. We have taken losses, but they could have been much worse. The majority of our money is in securities, bonds, and certificates of deposits which are a very low risk investment. Our recently transferred money into Wells Fargo is now 100% safe. The decisions of prior Council members to move our investments out of firms such as Bear Stearns and into the Superior National Bank Trust Department were very good. Treasurer Misegan offers a Chi Miigwetch to those Council members for looking out for our future.

The Defined Benefit Plan which is 40% equities (as are most retirement plans) has substantial losses. The plan was nearly 95% funded and our payments were expected to go down but now they may increase. To avoid this, we have continued to fund it at a higher rate in the hope it may help to even out our future payments.

The finance meetings are very contentious, and there is a necessity to provide the members with more financial information. This is the only way the Council can truly be held accountable. Council must be open and straightforward regarding the profits, losses, and expenses of all businesses and all departments which should correct the problem of inconsistency and impede the double standards that exist. It will certainly aid the membership's understanding of the decisions that are made by Council.

George Roman, Tribal Liaison from the Census Bureau, stressed the importance of having every Native American counted and identified in the 2010 Census. The Census Bureau has provided testing opportunities to Community members in hopes of offering employment to them by the 2010 Census Bureau on or around the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community location. Mr. Roman requested for KBIC to appoint two tribal government liaisons to assist him in achieving an accurate count of our tribal nation. The Tribal President will provide Mr. Roman with an official letter assigning Pauline Knapp Spruce, Personnel Director, and Robin Chosa, TERO Director, as Tribal Liaisons for KBIC.

Don Carlson on behalf of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens requested permission of the Council to seek input from other tribe's elders who will be present at the Michigan Indian Elders Association Conference which will be hosted by the KBIC Ojibwa Senior Citizens on April 27-29, 2009, by adding to their agenda the topic of a memorandum of understanding between Tribe to Tribe purchases for gasoline and cigarettes while visiting on each other's reservations. Council spoke of State quota's each Tribe is given, especially those tribe's with Tax Agree-

ments, which may make the reality of a Nation to Nation MOU impossible. The Council gave permission for the topic to be included on the Michigan Indian Elders Conference agenda to discuss the issue.

Todd Warner, Director of KBIC Natural Resources, presented Resolution KB1652-2009, ANA Grant for Habitat Management Inventory. The Resolution is needed to apply for the grant for three-years of funding which will allow KBNR to expand to areas they currently are not looking at and will fund the salary for the wildlife biologist and a new wildlife technician and hire a contractor. The first year has a match of tribal support (in-kind) in the amount of \$41,000. **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve Resolution KB 1652-2009, supported by Susan LaFerner, seven supported (S. LaFerner, M. LaFerner, Emery, Curtis, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Welsh), 0 opposed, three abstained (Matthews, Minton, Misegan), motion carried.**

CEO Larry Denomie announced a change is needed due to issues with the OASIS Card (Promotion card—Double Eagle Card) which is utilized at both the Baraga and Marquette Casino. The card is supposed to work properly if used at either facility, but there have been problems identified with the computer system not recognizing activity jointly. The company is unable to correct the problem resulting in customers needing a separate card for each Casino. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the agreement with Aristocrat Technologies to remove the Aristocrat OASIS Version 11 System Purchase and License Agreement and to substitute David Haataja's name for Gerald Hays name in the standard removal form, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Jennifer Misegan presented proposed ordinance 2009-01 as the First Reading—Ethics in Government Code. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to waive the first reading of the Ethics in Government Code due to the length of the document and to schedule the second reading at a date to be determined, supported by Toni Minton, eight supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFerner, Emery, Curtis, Loonsfoot, Matthews, Welsh), two opposed (Mayo, M. LaFerner), 0 abstained, motion carried.** The document will be made available to the public at numerous locations throughout the tribal community.

Council passed Department Head Reports for January 2009; and Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2008, and November 21, 2008. Council entered into closed session with CEO, Larry Denomie, and President War-

**ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:**

The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

- Education Committee** – six seats (must be KBIC Tribal members, four of whom must be parents of enrolled KBIC children in Grades K-12 attending the L'Anse or Baraga Schools)
- Health Board** – six seats
- Justice Committee (Child Welfare)** – one seat (three-year term)
- Pow-Wow Committee** – three seats
- Youth Committee** – two seats

Please submit a letter of interest by April 3, 2009, 4:30 p.m. to: Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President, 16429 Beartown Rd. Baraga, MI 49908

**April 2009**  
**Calendars Events**

- April 1** — Ojibwe Language Table
- April 4** — Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Chippewa Room.
- April 7** — Powwow Logo Contest deadline.
- April 8** — Ojibwe Language Table
- April 10** — Good Friday—Gov't Offices closed.
- April 12** — Happy Easter.
- April 15** — Ojibwe Language Table
- April 17** — "Dream Catcher" Award Deadline for nominations at 12 noon.
- April 22** — KBIC Natural Resources Department's 1st Annual Environmental Fair; EARTH DAY; Ojibwe Language Table
- April 27** — Michigan Indian Elders Association Tri-Annual Meeting.
- April 28** — Michigan Indian Elders Association Tri-Annual Meeting.
- April 29** — Michigan Indian Elders Association Tri-Annual Meeting; Ojibwe Language Table.

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. **For Youth events,** see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**  
**31st Annual Pow-wow**  
**Logo Contest**  
**Prize Money—\$150**  
**"We Are All Related"**  
**It's Time To Come Together**

**Attention: Tribal Community Artists**  
**Deadline for Entries: April 7, 2009 by 4:30 pm**

Entry Drop-off is to the KBIC Receptionist Desk or Mail to:

**Pow-wow Committee**  
**16429 Bear Town Rd.**  
**Baraga, MI 49908**

All Entries become the property of the Pow-wow Committee.

Our theme for this year reflects on the change in our country with the recent elections and the promise and the hope of working together equally for the progress of our nation.

Artwork must be:

- Drawn on white paper, no smaller than 5" x 5" and no larger than 8 ½" x 11".
- Drawn in black ink.
- Artwork must be reproducible quality for copying, scanning and imaging purposes.
- Artwork must be signed by the artist.
- Contest is open to KBIC members and descendants.

**OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Spring and Summer Library Schedule:

Monday 11-7	Thursday 11-7
Tuesday 11-7	Friday 11-5
Wednesday 11-7	Saturday 11-3

The library has some new books for you:

- *Eat This Not That for Kids* by David Zinczenko
- *Eat This Not That Supermarket Survival Guide* by David Zinczenko
- *The Midewiwin, Grand Medicine Society of the Ojibway* by Walter James Hoffman
- *Chicken Soup for the Military Wife's Soul* by Jack Canfield
- *Full Court Quest; The girls from Ft. Shaw Indian School Basketball Champions of the World* by Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith
- *Adult Children of Alcoholics* by Janet Geringer Woititz Ed.D
- *Books & Islands in Ojibwe Country* by Louise Erdrich



**2009 WINTER SCHEDULE**  
**LAUGH AND LEARN — OJIBWE LANGUAGE TABLE**  
**Wednesday Nights 7—8:30 pm,**  
**Ojibwa Casino Resort Motel Conference Room**  
**This is an informal learning opportunity for all ages.**  
**Attend when you can.**  
**For more information contact: Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. 353-4178**





